

**Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Commission Meeting
July 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue**

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Castro, Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balius, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and Town Clerk Carol Simpkins.

Mayor Castro called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Mayor Castro gave the Invocation. Commissioner Paul Garretson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Town Manager Doug Drymon requested that two items be added to the agenda under discussion. One is setting the Solid Waste trim rate and the other is the Park Avenue Extension.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve Agenda as amended; Vice Mayor Balius seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0

PRESENTATIONS

Maggie Smith gave a presentation about the Brownfields Program emphasizing that the program will increase property values and spur redevelopment while encouraging clean up of contaminated areas at no cost to the Town.

A Proclamation for Bertha "Bert" Bostrom was presented by the Commission. Ms. Bostrom thanked the Commission and all of the people that are volunteers that work with her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons addressed the Commission:

Joseph Glisson, 850 Green Briar Drive, Joanna Arline, 808 Greenbriar Drive, and Diane Munroe, Hawthorne Drive, stated that they are opposed the four story building that Richard Ahrens plans on putting up on Park Avenue.

Richard Ahrens, 1461 Kinetic Road, asked that the code violations on 15th Street and Miller Way be looked into. He also stated that anyone can call him and talk to him about their concerns over the Park Avenue project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commission Meeting minutes from June 18, 2002 were approved unanimously.

The Commission discussed the Palm Beach County Invasive Non Native Vegetation Grant application. Paul Carlisle, Public Works Director, explained that the grant would be used to remove the invasive non native vegetation from town owned properties and drainage right-of-ways.

Vice Mayor Balias expressed concern over the Town removing the vegetation from the five foot easements in back of people's properties. Mayor Castro explained that the Town can only remove the vegetation from the public right-of-ways not the easements.

Motion: Commissioner Longtin made a motion to approve the Palm Beach County Invasive Non Native Vegetation Grant application in the amount of \$15,000 with a Town match of 50% of the total project cost. Commissioner Garretson seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balias	X		

Mayor Castro	X		
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Motion passed 5-0

**PUBLIC HEARING/S
FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE 12- 2003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PLAN TO CONFORM TO THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE ACT OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND THE ADOPTION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS THAT MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 5, 1987 AND EXISTING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A NEW CHAPTER 9.1 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED A FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS@; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD; PROVIDING FOR THE REQUIREMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT; PREVAILING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; DESIGNATING BUILDING OFFICIAL AS FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION; PROVIDING VARIANCE PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: Commissioner Garretson made a motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance No. 12-2003. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Chuck Balius.

Public hearing opened.

No speakers

Public hearing closed.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0

The Commission discussed the Solid Waste Authority Trim rate. Mayor Castro explained that the rate could be set at a higher rate now and then lowered later but once it is set it can not be raised. Commissioner Garretson stated that he would like the flexibility of setting the rate higher at the current time: that would give the Commission time to research the issue. Commissioner Longtin agreed. Vice Mayor Balius stressed that this would not be a rate increase at the current time.

Motion: Commissioner Garretson made a motion to increase the Solid Waste Authority Trim rate by 10%. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Balius and he again stressed that this is not a rate increase.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0

Paul Carlisle explained that Palm Beach County five year road plan has plans for the widening of Old Dixie Highway to 12th Street. He requested that the Commission request that two lane work on the Park Avenue extension be done instead.

Motion: Commissioner Garretson made a motion to recommend work on the Park Avenue extension instead of the widening of Old Dixie Highway to the Commission. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Balius.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Mayor Paul Castro

Welcomed the new Town Manager, Doug Drymon. He informed staff that they needed to prepare for a mid-year budget for next year. He requested reports on Park Avenue BBQ and the building to the east of it, one on the Auditor General's report, a Marina Status report, a Lowes status report, and a report on the request by Palm Beach County for extra boat ramps. He stated that a priority workshop meeting needs to be set at the next meeting and that Hoa Hoang should do presentations as he previously had done for Jason Nunemaker at the Priorities Workshop. He discussed that although there was no advertisement in the Palm Beach Post or the Weekday, Lake Park will be having July 4th Festivities, including vendors, fireworks and bounce houses.

Vice Mayor G. Chuck Balius

Stated that he would like to give a proclamation former Mayor, active citizen and volunteer of the Town's volunteer Boards, as well as serve on the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Bud Flynn for his 47 years of involvement in the Town.

The Commission gave consensus to give the bereaved family a proclamation in Mr. Flynn's honor.

He received a letter from some of the residents making the Commission aware of the damage that was done to the lighting at the Ball field by the irrigation company and he wants to take action. He also received a complaint involving a Code Enforcement issue in which he advised the public that they need to contact Code Compliance Officer Greg Durgin. He stated that he has concerns with the Marina Project and will attending the next Marina Board meeting on July 10, 2003. He suggested a Sailing Course in the Town of Lake Park. He voiced that the 10% sanitation increase is not a rate increase. He stated that when the budget is presented he would like to see more backup.

Commissioner Bill Otterson

Stated that he also received a letter from Mr. Robert Drew, who happens to be an electrician and that he is confident in what Mr. Drew has stated. Informed the Commission that he attended the League of Cities Meeting and that Treela White stated that if we did wanted to attend circuit court on Code Enforcement, a \$200.00 fee is required.

He would like to give a proclamation to Diane Weibert in honor of her work in the Town of Lake Park.

He stated that anyone planning to travel on I-95 should call #511 for traffic updates before taking that route.

Commissioner Jeanine Longtin

She voiced that Northlake Boulevard is no fun to drive on anymore. She hopes that if the Town becomes more active in the Northlake Boulevard Task Force that more things will happen for that particular area. She wanted an update on Water Tower Road from the Attorney. Commissioner Longtin reminded everyone of the July 4, 2003 Festivities and invited everyone to come out. Thanked Hoa and staff for working hard during the Interim period. She welcomed Town Manager Drymon and informed him that he has a great staff.

She stated that the Town has received Grant money for Park Avenue Lighting.

The library needs tutors and volunteers. The blood bank needs donations. She thanked everyone at the meeting for coming and everyone at home watching. She provided her contact number for anyone wishing to call her 561-881-3309.

Commissioner Paul Garretson

He welcomed Town Manager Doug Drymon. He stated that he will be setting up an appointment to see him. He said that he shares the same inquiries and opinions as the Mayor had stated earlier in his comments.

Town Manager J. Douglas Drymon

He thanked the Commission and Town for such a warm welcome. He commented that it is great to be working with this wonderful community and plans on many progressive years in Town of Lake Park.

He says that he would like to see a road map implemented for the next few years to help guide the Town Commission, Staff and the Community to help prevent and resolve some of the unexpected issues that may arise from time to time. He stated that he, along with staff are working to bring the budget in a responsible manner. He stated that he would like to be able to provide the public with a budget that they would be able to follow and understand.

Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird


He informed the Commission, for clarification purposes, that the Legislature has raised the court filing fees which only affects the Town when they file a Code Compliance case in a Circuit Court. He also stated that fines will be assessed on any Volunteer Board Member that has an obligation to complete and return a Financial Disclosure Form.

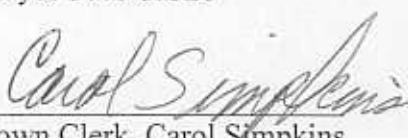
He stated that the information regarding Water Tower Road is back in route to him and as soon as he hears from Finance he will forward the information to the Bond Attorney who will then be prepared to render his opinion on the use of those funds.

He stated that he has revised his contract so that the wording would make sense and suggests that it be updated and added to the signed contract on file in the Office of the Town Clerk. He said that he is open to any other corrections that may come up.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Chuck Balus, and seconded by Commissioner Otterson, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Mayor Paul Castro

Town Clerk, Carol Simpkins

Approved on this 23rd day of July, 2003.